Victor Hogo's Idea of a Huge Cuttle-

fish. No Langue of Siction. In 1961 avery here out beliefs, averaging about ewenty feet in length in the body alone, was man with by a French war ves-sel between Madeira and Descriffe. Later on great squith worseen on the American cost, and chisily in the marth, whither possibly they may have been ettracted by the prospects of scattable four in the cod. Actual measurements of some of those big squids, within by the way siso occur off the Irish coast now and them, give bodies ranging from sen-to-to-enty feet in length exclusive of the nuns, which, as regards the two iong ones at least, may be set

down at thirty feet in tength.

So that the restination of the zoological pantasy of the "Tollers of the Sun" has come in a very decided fashion indeed in the shape of the Sewfoundland glauteut-thes, whose powers of attack may be re-garded as fully essual to those-credited to the big decilish of the great Pench novelist. Furthermore, it may be suggested that a lyage curfacilish rushing across the surface of the sea, propelled backward by its jets of water, with its bend and arms, leaving a long "wash" behind, may very nptly appear as a sit representative of the sen screent itself. From various accounts given of the "great unknown" of the deep. it seems pretty certain that what was seen was really a giant cutth fish swimming swiftly through the water, its movements, and especially those of its arms, counterfeiting closely the motions of a serpentine

The English Tongue.

It is computed that at the opening of the present century there were about 21,-000,000 people who spoke the English tongue. The French speaking people at that time numbered about 31,500,000, and the Gazmans exceeded 30,000,000. The Russian tonger was spoken by nearly 31,-000,000 and the Spanish by more than 26,-600,000. Even the Italian had three-fourths as large a constituency as the English, and the Portuguese abree-nighths. Of the 162,-000,000 people, or thereabouts, who are estimated to have been using these seven languages in the year 1801 the English speakers were besthan to per cent., while the Spanish were 16, the Germans 18.4, the Russians 19.9 and the French 19.6. This aggregate population has now grown to 490,000,000, of which the English speaking people number close upon 125,000,000. From per cent, we have advanced to 31 per

The French speech is now used by 59,000,000 people, the Graman by about 70,000,003, the Spanish by 49,009,000, the Russian by 70,000,000, the Italian by about 20,000,000 and the Parturence by about 13,000,000. The English tanguage is now used by nearly twice as many people as any of the others, and this relative growth is almost sure to conunce. English has taken as its own the North American continent, and nearly the whole of Australasia. North America alone will soon have 100, \$600,000 of English speaking people, while there are 49,0,0,000 in Great Britain and Ireland. In South Africa and India also the language is vastly extending.

Laning, in his "Weather Wisdom," says: A deep blue colored sky, even when seen through the clouds, indicates fair weather; a growing whiteness, an approaching

When the sky in rainy weather is tinged with sea green the rain will increase; if with deep blue it will be showery. A bright yellow sky at evening indicates

A pale yellow sky at evening indicates

A neutral gray sky at evening indicates The same in the morning indicates wet

Hariness in the nic which fades the

on and stars grow dim, indicates rain

Timckeray's None.

Theckersy's broken nose. Sir William Fraser writes: "I have always believed that Thickeray's nose was broken in fight at Charterhouse by Venables, Q. C. lately decoused. Unless I am mistaket this was told me by the person who intro-duced me to Thackeray. Mr. Venables was a member of the Society of Dilettanti, and I often sat next to him. On at least one tainly did not deay it. However, this may not have been the case. My informant mided that the 'Deme,' as we called them have spoilt the best looking boy in the

Origin of the Thimble. The first thimble over seen in England

was made in London less than 200 years ago by a metal worker-named John Loft-The usefulness of the article com mended it at once to all who used the nee die, and Lofting acquired a large property The implement was then called the "thumb bell," it being were on the thumb when it tise, and its shape suggesting the rest of Il was soon changed, however, but the

The National Dobt of Great Britain. Great Betrain has annoinnal debt of £088. 207,631, on which the annual charge is £25. 220,000. The sources of income of the British government are customs, excise and stange, land, house and income taxes, ce and telegraphs, and a number of miscellaneons sources.

The Meaning of the Word "Fey." The word "fet" means, according to The New York Sun, fated to die, doomed. The word is of Norse origin. It does not mean that the person fey has been rendered insame by scring the fairies, as some persons imagine; it has nothing to do with fairies

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Looking over the battlements of the miniature houses one can see the turbulent waters of the Neckar hurrying past to join the Rhine. The little city is made to endure. There are no makeshifts, no glue, pasteboard or carpet tacks - everything is stone, cement, gravel, brass and fron. The buildings are upon a plateau of stonework, elevated from the ground four or five feet. The houses vary from one to five and a half feet in beight, the tall towers runming up from seven to ten feet. Mr. Peteler has reproduced with the greatest fidelity over 100 busts of the electoral governors, which are used in decerating the fronts of the pulsees. Even the coats-of-arms and quarterings over the entrances are plainly cut. The old man

takes pleasure in showing visitors a fac-simile of the famous Hoidelberg tun. It is really 35 feet long and 35 high The little model is 12 inches in length and about 8 inches high. In another part of the grounds the sea water is let in by papes, and forms an artificial lake in which the tide rises and falls. Upon a promontory which juts into the lake stands a model of the beautiful castle of Hohen-Schwangen, Its towers are nearly 10 feet high, and with its conster or buildings is picturesque and beautiful. Mr. Peteley is a retired confectioner with millions of dollars, thousands of Heidelberg. - St. Louis Republic

How Hale Cloth Is Made.

Many people understand, of course, how hair cloth is made, but for the edification of those who do not we will explain the process. In the first place horsehair cannot be dyed. It repels colering matter; so to make black cloth it is necessary to secure natural black hair. The horses, in many cases absolutely wild, running unnestrained, are regularly coraled and shorn. Of course black hair is preferable, but sometimes gray stock is utilized. Not only the tails but also the manes are cut; the hair is bunched. These bunches seldom contain hairs of less length than two feets some are even three and three and a half feet, and the thickness of the bunches is usually two or three inches.

The hair cloth looms are provided with what we may call a nipper, in place of shuffly, and the nipper is so finely actuated that it travels across the warp and seizes from the bunches one hair onlythe jaws of the nipper being too fine to grasp more than one-and carries it across the west threads, dropping it into the exact place. The action of the loom mechanically forces the hair next to its predecessor, the warp crosses upon it, snugly holds it in its place, the nipper travels back and seizes another, and so ou and on. The delicacy and almost human accuracy with which each separate hair is placed between the warp threads is really incredible. - New York | till the landlord does the same thing. -Telegram.

The New Zealander's Heaven.

The New Zealanders imagine that the souls of the dead go to a place beneath the earth called Reinga. The path to

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sounds caused by the passing of spirits through the air. It is a common superstition with them that the left eye of every onier becomes a star as soon as the chief dies. Shungle, a celebrated New Zealand king, once ato the eye of a valiant chief, thinking thereby to increase the brilliancy of his own "eye star."

Sometimes, apparently, it was thought that there was a separate numeriality for each of the eyes of the dead, the left tial paralysis. ascending to heaven as a star, the right in the form of a spirit, descending to

It might be mentioned in this connec tion that the natives of the Sandwich Islands, at the time of their discovery, held a confused medley of notions concerning the tuture life. The current fancy was that the souls of their chiefs were led by a god, whose name denoted "eyeball of the sun." to a life in the heavens, while the souls of the common herd went down to Ekes, a place corresponding with the New Zealander's

First Resorter-That mosquite just came

up and presented its bill to rie as cool as could be. I never had anything sting Second Resorter-That's nothing. Wate

Dinga -St. Louis Republic.

Dr. Flint is quoted as saying: "I have orous health who undertook to live after this region of the soul is a precipica close | a strictly regulated diet, and I have never this region of the soul is a precipice close a strictly regulated diet, and I have never and when separated to eat had fed and to the seashore at the North Cape. It is said that the natives who live in the said that the natives who live in the carried and the carried prove the season before a factor of a poil to the season of a hostility person in the said that the natives who live in the carried source and th

Poison in Water.

A physician expresses the opinion that in been ascribed to overwork, insufficient nourishment, etc., the real cause may have been lead in the drinking water. Among the symptoms of lead poisoning are and mia definiency of blood-a doll hue of the skin, digestive derungements, a coated tougue, tetid breath, nausea, colic and par Water should nover be drunk in the morning without first having been allowed to run freely .- New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Living Proof.

Young Mr. Freshly (conversing with an elderly friend of the family)-Whon I see how we have things now, electricity, tele-graph, telephone, and think how people lived sixty years ago, I cou't help thinking that our grandfathers must have been foois Mr. Oldboy (obviously nettled)—When I see some of their grandchildren I can't help thinking the same -Boston Times.

Haln't Been Introduced. Clara was 3 years old when she went on a journey, and a gentleman whe sat behind her in the railroad carriage asked her her name was. Cluri straightened herself and threw a frown at him.

"Please den't speak to me," she said, primity. "I'm not terqualated wid you." The gratieman had no choice but to spologire -New York Press.

And the Cat Disappeared. Two Transcasse men saw a cat on the scerobing my blood, no eril thought came never known a dyspeptic to recover vig- fence. One said she vas yellow and the to me, nothing but an overpowering pride other declared she has an orange hue. The lie was passed, such as out with a knife,

But best befriended of the God, But has bedreaded of the God, He who in coil times, Warned by an instard votes, Heads not the declaress and the dread, Biding by his rule and choice, Positing only the first thread Leading over the heroic ground, Walled with mortal terror round, To the aim which him allures. And the sweet heaven his deed secures.

THE BRAVE -

### LOVE AND STARS.

When I watched the flock upon the Luberon I remained whole weeks without seeing a living soul, alone in the pasturage with my dog Labri and my sheep. From time to time the hermit of Mont de l'Ure passed there to look for modicinal herbs, or I saw the black face of some Piedmont collier; but they were simple souls, silent by dint of solitude, having lost the taste for talking and knowing nothing of what was said down in the viliages and towns. Hence every two weeks, when I heard upon the ascending highway the bells of our farm mule, beinging me my provisions for the coming formight, and saw gradually appear from below the lively countenance of the little farm boy or the red locks of old Aunt Norads, I was indeed delighted. I made the visitor tell me the news of the country at the foot of the mountain—the captisms, the marriages, but that which nterested me most of all was what had happened to my master's daughter, our Demoiselle Stephanette, the prettiest girl for ten leagues around. Without appearing to be too much bent

ipon acquiring this knowledge I gathered information as to whether she went agreat deal to fetes and evening assemblies; whether new admirers were still throng-ing about her, and should you sak me what good those details could do me, a poor shepherd of the mountain, I will reply that I was 20 years old, and that Stephanette was in my eyes the handsomst creature on the face of God's corth. Now, one Sunday when I was waiting for my provisions, it so chanced that they did not arrive until very late. In the morning I said to myself: "It is the fault of the high masse," then toward mon a heavy storm came on and I thought that

the mule had been unable to set out be-cause of the bad condition of the road. At last, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the sky having cleared and the mountain be-ing all of a glitter with water and sun-light, I heard, amid the droppings from the leaves and the everflowing of the swellen brooks, the bells of the mule, as gay and brisk as a grand church chime on Easter day.

But it was neither the little farm boy nor eld Anat Norade who was urging the animal along. It was—guess who! our demoiselle, my friends—our demoiselle. serself, seated right between the over shepherd. baskets, all rosy with the nountain air and the coolnies brought on by the storm. The little farm boy was sick: Aunt
Norade was absent on a holidary visit to
her children. Pretty Stephanette told me

abave us is St. Jacques' highway. It goes all this as she spring down from her mule. from France straight into Spain. It was

slept, the pile of straw that was my bed, heavens

embarrasement with her reguery.

"And your sweetheart, shepherd!" con-tinued she. "Does she climb up here to see riages among the stars?" ony sometimes? Surely abe must be the iolden Gost or the Fairy Esterelle, who skips only over the summits of the mount ains." And she herself, as she spoke thu to me, had the very air of the Fairy Esterline and her heste to depart that made her visit seem like a daraling vision. Adien, shepherd:

And she was gone, bearing away with

er the empty baskets. When the descending road hid her from sight it seemed to me that the stones rollng beneath the above of the mule were falling one by one upon my beart. I heard sweet slumber, fearing to stir lest I might

drive away my domin Toward evening, as the depths of the valley began to grow blue and as the abeep huddled together, bleating to return to the fold. I heard some one call me down the road and saw reappear our demonsells, no longer smiling as I had seen her a short time before, but trembling with cold, fear making a desperate effort to cross it she had

nearly been drowned.

The most dreadful thing of all was that think of attempting to return to the farm, for our demoissile by herself could never find the way by the short cut and I could not leave the flock. The idea of passing the night upon the mountain by mented ter almost to madness, particularly on account of the uneastness her family would feel. As for me, I reasoured her the best I

was able.
"In July the nights are short, mistress," said I. "It will hardly seem more than a

wretched moment. And I quickly kindled a rouring fire to dry her feet and her dross all socked with the interest of science, manuma, and the water of the Surgue. Afterward I should have been delighted to answer placed before her milk and should should them. Hereditary and choose, but the poor dameel did not think either of warming berself or of canng, and t the right of the big tenre that grahered in her spec I felt like weeping myself. Meanwhile the night had come on

There remained upon the crests of the grountains only a sprinkle of sun, a vapory light toward the west. I invited our de moiselle to enter the fold and sieep. ing spread a handsome new sheepskin over the clean straw, I hade her good night and, going out into the open air, seated my self before the door. Ged is my witne that, despite the fire of love that was so thinking that in a corner of the fold, close beside the curious flock that stared



BOSTON. For Sore Eyes, Flesh Wounds, Darns. Piles, Pelons, it is magical. 25 of

Never had the beavens appeared to possees such depths, never had the stars seemed so brilliant. Suddenly the door of the fold opened and pretty Stephanetta made her appearance. She could not sleep. The animals ratifed the straw as they moved about, or bisated in their dreams. She preferred to come to the fire. Seeing this, I cast my sheepskin over her shoul-ders. I stirred up the flames and we sat down side by side, remaining thus without uttering a single word.

If you have ever passed a night in the open air you know that at the hour when we sleep a mysterious world awates amid the solitude and the slience. Then the brooks sing in their clearest tones and the pends are lighted up with tiny flames. All the spirits of the mountain freely come and go: there is a rustling in the air, there are almost imperceptible sounds, as if webcard the tree branches growing and the grass springing up. Day is the life of creatures, but night is the life of things. When one is not accustomed to this it fills one with fear. Therefore our demoiselle was all of a quiver and clung to me closely at the

At one time, a long melancholy cry arose from the pond that sparkled below us and came rolling upward to our ears. At the same instant a beautiful shooting star glided over our heads in the same direction. as if the lamentation we heard were bearing a flash of light with it.
"What is that?" asked Stephanette, in a

whisper.

"A soul enfering paradise, mistress!"

"be stap of the cross." answered I making the sign of the cross.

She made the same sign and, for a moment, gazed meditatively into the heavens, Then she said to me:

"Is it true, shepherd, that you people are "Not in the least, our demoiselle. But here we live much noncer the stars than the people of the glain, and know botter what is taking place among the spackling lights

She was still gasting upward, resting her ped in the sheepskin like a little heavenly

"Ah, how beautiful they are!" cried ahe,

"I never saw so many of them before! Do and also that the was late in arriving because she had lost her way. But to see his road to the brave Charlemagne when cause she had lost her way. But to see her so finely dressed, with her flowered ribbons, her is diffiant skirt and her lace, the bad rather the air of having lingered at some dance than of having sought for her road among the bushes.

Oh, the delicious creature: My eyes could not grow westry of gazing at her. It is true that I had never seen her so near. Sometimes during the winter, when the flock had gone down into the plant and I hed returned in the evening to the farm house to sun, she passed briskly through the hall, without telking much to the servents, always bedecked and a triffe hearty. Now I had her there before me, for myself alone. Was it not enough to turn my head?

his road to the brave Charlemagne when he was making war upon the Saraeers. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant axistrees. Further away you have the Car of Souls, with its four replandant ax with my head?

When she had taken the provisions from the Three Kings and the Ponemiers, was the basket Stephanetta began to look cu- invited to the weating of a star, one of riously around her. Raising a little her Sunday skirt, that might otherwise have hurry than the rest, started, they say, the freedest and took the high read. Look fold. She wished to see the corner where I at her up there away in the midst of the

my sheepskin covering, my big cape hung "The Three Kings went by a lower road against the wall, my crook in my flintlock and overtook her, but lazy Jean de Milas, gun. All this amused her.

"So it is here you live is it, my poor shepherd?" said she, with a loavenly smile. If now tired you must get of always being alone. What do you do? What do you think about?"

"Three Kings are also called Jean de Mina's Stick. Hut the most beautiful of all the stars—mistress—is ours, the Shepherd's I had a strong desire to reply, "About Star, that lights us at dawn when we drive you, mistress," and I should have told the forth our flocks, and also in the evening truth, but my confusion was so great that when we bring them back. We have given I could not find a single word. I think she it another name, Mugnelonne, the beautinoticed this, and that the mischievous ful Maguelonne, who runs after Pierre do creature took pleasure in redoubling my Provence and marries him every seven

"What, shepherd! Are there then mar

And, as I was striving to explain to her what these marriages were, I felt something cool and soft weigh lightly upon my shoulder. It was her head, heavy with elle, with her lovely head thrown back, the sheep, that was learning against me, with a pearly laughter rippling from her cherry pretty rustling of ribbons, lass and wary hair. She remained thus without effering until the moment when the stars of heaven

paled, effected by the driving day.

As for me, I beliefed her sleeping, somewhat troubled, but fully protected by bright night that has never given me other continued their elient murch as docile as a one of those stars the prettiest and most them along, long time, and until the close brillians of them all having lost its way, of the day I was like one wrapped in a had come to me and placed its head upon brilliant of them all-having lost its way, my shoulder that it might slumber peace.—Alphonse Daudet in Philadelphia News.

A Rising Humorist.

Tom Masson, of the American Press Association, is beginning to apprect attention by his humorous paragraphs, peculiar for and wet. It seems that at the base of the son is also a remarkably upt versifier in a mountain she had found the Sorgue terri. light and playful vein. His efforts in this bly swollen by the recent min, and that in line have been widely copied. In his short career of 22 years he has visited nearly all the countries in the civilized world, and has thereby gained a wide and valuable at this hour of the night she could not experience. In personal appearance Mr. Masson is below the average size, has black hair and an olive complexion. His philos ophy is just a triffe pendurteds, still he manages to successfully infuse a good deef of genist homer and optimism into his work.-Current Literature.

> Not Incident to the Easte. Colored Dame to her dampter just re-turned from a finishing school; -I wish yo' hadder his keyah when dat seasus men

COTTO E FORD Finished Y. L.-His questions were in

Manuna-Date de vay word. What he gotter de saula' calored folks born red-healitary discusses. D'sint say on 'em got red bends'-Harper's Benne.

A Georgia editor has twenty-seven chill-

dren. He positively refuses to insert an advertisement announcing that a boy or girl is wanted - Detroits Free Press. United Friends.

Of the twenty live deaths on the last assemment call one was in Massachusetts, one in New Jersey, one in Maine, two in

Pennsylvania and Iwenty in New York.

During the matth of April nearly \$5,000 was paid out in benefits, and the funds of